

SENATE BILL No. 598

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-11-3.5.

Synopsis: Adult literacy program. Establishes the department of education adult literacy program to provide state grants to increase the capacity of volunteer literacy programs. Requires the department of education to contract with the Indiana Literacy Foundation to administer the state grants. Appropriates \$550,000 annually from the state general fund for the program and requires the entire amount to be used only for distribution to the Indiana Literacy Foundation for making grants and for administrative expenses.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 21, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1998 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-11-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 1999]:
- 4 **Chapter 3.5. Department of Education Adult Literacy Program**
- 5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "department" refers to the**
- 6 **department of education established by IC 20-1-1.1-2.**
- 7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "foundation" refers to the**
- 8 **Indiana Literacy Foundation incorporated in 1989.**
- 9 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "volunteer literacy program"**
- 10 **means a program under which volunteers offer tutorials in literacy**
- 11 **to adults having basic literacy skills at or below a grade 9 reading**
- 12 **level.**
- 13 **Sec. 4. There is established in the department an adult literacy**
- 14 **program to do the following:**
- 15 **(1) Provide state funds for grants to increase the capacity of**
- 16 **volunteer literacy programs.**
- 17 **(2) Contract with the foundation to do the following:**



1 (A) Administer the grants described in subdivision (1).

2 (B) Receive state funds under this chapter to award as
3 grants.

4 (3) Compensate the foundation for the foundation's services
5 as administrator of the grants described in subdivision (1).

6 Sec. 5. The department shall distribute the entire appropriation
7 made under section 6 of this chapter to the Indiana Literacy
8 Foundation under a contract that requires the Indiana Literacy
9 Foundation to do the following:

10 (1) Administer the state volunteer literacy program grants.
11 Administration includes issuing notices for competitive
12 proposals for grants, evaluating proposals, selecting grantees,
13 and monitoring the performance of grantees.

14 (2) Distribute at least eighty-eight percent (88%) of the money
15 the foundation receives under this chapter in state grants for
16 volunteer literacy programs.

17 (3) Retain not more than twelve percent (12%) of the money
18 the foundation receives under this chapter for administrative
19 expenses of the foundation in administering state grants for
20 volunteer literacy programs.

21 Sec. 6. There is appropriated annually to the department five
22 hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000) from the state
23 general fund for the department of education adult literacy
24 program.

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